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46/159. Technical cooperation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, 1/ and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 2/

Recalling its resolutions 33/134 of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 3/ and 44/222 of 22 December 1989, as well as other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Stressing that technical cooperation among developing countries is an indispensable and integral part of their efforts to accelerate development and should act as a springboard for enhancing the integration of the developing countries into the international economy based on equity and mutual benefit,

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1/ Resolution S-18/3, annex.

2/ Resolution 45/199, annex.

3/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

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Also stressing that technical cooperation among developing countries remains a key element in global economic cooperation, its purpose being not to displace North-South cooperation with South-South cooperation but to complement the former within a cooperative framework that is truly universal,

Reaffirming that, while developing countries have the primary responsibility for promoting technical cooperation among themselves, developed countries and the United Nations system should assist and support such activities and that the United Nations system should play a prominent role as promoter and catalyst of technical cooperation among developing countries, in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,

1. Reaffirms the continued validity of the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and the importance of technical cooperation among developing countries;

2. Endorses the decisions adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries at its seventh session; 4/

3. Urges all Member States, the United Nations Development Programme and other relevant organs, organizations, bodies and programmes of the United Nations system to give high priority in their particular fields of activity to the support, including financial support, of activities in technical cooperation among developing countries;

4. Urges the United Nations Development Programme to take the lead in assisting developing countries in overcoming the problems encountered in their efforts to promote and implement activities in technical cooperation among developing countries;

5. Calls upon the international community to take the necessary measures to implement the commitments agreed upon in the context of technical cooperation among developing countries;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/46/39), annex I.